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Short Stories.

Portugal has only two large cities, Lisbon and Oporto.

The human skeleton, exclusive of teeth, consists of 208 bones.

The first warship to pass through the Panama canal was the Peruvian destroyer, Teniente Rodriguez.

One-third of the world's supply of platinum is required in dentistry and another third for electrical purposes.

The forests of New York are said to be losing \$5,000 a day because of the war, as there are no orders for steam-er bonquets.

The first voyage of an American vessel around the world was made by the ship Columbia from Boston, starting Sept. 30, 1792.

A schooner built in Amesbury in 1806 and used in the war of 1812 as a privateer still is in active service in the Maine coasting trade.

Recent Inventions.

Barbs on the point and shaft of a new nail make it hold as securely as a screw.

To facilitate milking there has been invented a substantial can that also serves as a stool, the milk being drawn into a long necked funnel.

In newly invented shackles convicts sent out to do road work can walk around at will. If they try to run the mechanism locks their legs automatically.

The heart of an average man makes about one three-thousandth of a volt of electricity at every beat, and an instrument sensitive enough to measure it has been invented.

The Royal Box.

Japan's empress is making bandages for the Red Cross nurses.

The czar of Russia is the only European monarch whose life is not insured in a British life insurance office.

Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide, ruler of the independent nation of Luxembourg, is only twenty years of age. Luxembourg was recently invaded by the German army.

King Albert of Belgium is the son of the late Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha and of Flanders and of the Princess Marie of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen. He is the nephew of Leopold II. of Belgium, whom he succeeded.

Fashion Frills.

All is not gold that glitters—we refer to the fall coats for men.—Pittsburgh Press.

The new wraps are described as very military, but, of course, in neutral tints.—Baltimore Sun.

A man's clothes are in style as long as they are wearable; a woman's, wearable as long as they are in style.—Youth's Companion.

Before you men begin making facetious remarks about the fall headgear of the women have a look at the bizarre shapes of the new men's soft and stiff hats.—St. Paul Dispatch.

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

For special devotion and competency Miss Eleanor S. Kelly has been honored with the British Royal Red Cross.

Evelyn Rich, born in Boston the other day, is already a great-aunt, her father having two great-grandchildren. He is seventy-four.

Dr. S. Josephine Baker, head of New York city's bureau of child hygiene, says that foreign born mothers are the mainstay of America's population.

Mrs. Madeleine Force Astor, widow of John Jacob Astor, who lost his life in the Titanic disaster, recently completed a course in the New York Training School For Deaconesses.

Misses Marie Goetz and Ella Miller spelled, without failing, 1,500 words in a contest held in a commercial school in East St. Louis. The contest began at 8 o'clock with twelve girls and two boys, and at 11 o'clock only Misses Goetz and Miller were left, neither having tripped up on a single word.

Town Topics.

Paterson now calls herself "the Lyons of America" and pronounces it "lions," not "lee-ong."—Boston Globe.

However, if Baltimore should ever be reduced by bombardment she could rebuild with her marble doorsteps.—Washington Post.

New York is boasting that it has more young people than any other city. When its inhabitants get old enough to know better they move out.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

While the weather sharps are predicting a "white Christmas" back east, we venture the prediction that Los Angeles will enjoy its usual summery Christmas, with baseball, bathing and all other outdoor sports.—Los Angeles Express.

PITH AND POINT.

Eternal vigilance continues the price of neutrality.

Worry is part of the price a man pays for living.

It is always those who are ready who suffer in delays.

A pessimist is a man of little faith in his country or himself.

However, no one is taking a joy ride in those war automobiles.

A woman says a man must marry in order to attain perfection.

It is easier to preach by the mile than to practice by the inch.

The greatest truths are the simplest, and so are the greatest men.

It's a waste of time for even the photographer to tell some people to look pleasant.

Efficiency in war is much like other theoretical efficiency. It's perfect until put into operation.

The submarine may be a low down "sneak," but it is the most effective war vessel yet invented.

If we don't increase our export trade after the war it will be our own fault. Everybody that we are expected to trade with appears to be rooting for us.

This nation's net debt is \$1,061,732,079. Well, anyway, let's be thankful the consumption of gunpowder isn't raising it at the rate of \$5,000,000 per diem.

Flippant Flings.

If any more states go dry the slogan will read, "See America Thirst."—Philadelphia Ledger.

But wasn't the Venus de Milo the first to start this disarmament propaganda?—Columbia State.

"Will Virginia continue to grow mint?" Will paradise continue to grow angels, and June to produce roses, and Baltimore the most beautiful women in creation?—Baltimore Sun.

Now comes the discovery that Wisconsin equals Europe in the quality of its limburger, roquefort and camembert cheese. Buy a bale of cheese!—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Telephone Calls.

Christiania's present telephone system is to be transformed into an automatic one.

A newly invented sound trumpet for the telephone makes it unnecessary to lift the receiver to the ear.

There are nine telephones to every hundred inhabitants in this country. The telephone is used in this country more than any other.

So efficient is a new telephone transmitter that magnifies the voice that when one was submerged under water in Chicago conversation in the room around it was heard clearly in New York.

Echoes of the War.

In the lists of casualties of this war, truth occupies a conspicuous place.—Albany Journal.

Kitchener's preparations for a three year struggle begin to look sensible.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Satan may yet sue General Sherman for defamation of character because of what the general said of war.—Chicago News.

Bernard Shaw's theory is that the way to abolish war is to make it as horrible as possible. If that theory is sound, war is being abolished all right.—Kansas City Journal.

SIREN AND SONS.

General Joffre is well known as a distinguished mathematician.

Frank E. Mallett, American vice consul at Budapest, speaks Hungarian fluently as well as several other languages and has a wide acquaintance in Hungary, where he has been stationed since 1906.

The Rev. Dr. Francis T. Clark, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, who recently celebrated his sixty-third birthday, founded the Christian Endeavor society in 1881, when he was pastor of a Congregational church in Portland, Me.

General Ivanov, whose name has been mentioned as an army commander in Galicia, commanded the famous Third Siberian corps, which General Kuropatkin flung too late against Nogai at Mukden. He also came through that war with a good reputation as a fighter and a leader.

Field Marshal Baron Colmar von der Goltz, regarded as the controlling genius of Germany's war machine and known as one of the most scientific army leaders in the world, was a pupil of Von Moltke. It is said he has specialized for forty years on Germany's plan of campaign in event of war with Russia. Field Marshal von der Goltz is now turned seventy.

Town Topics.

Baltimore is busy, contented and prosperous, thank you.—Baltimore American.

Pittsburgh scorns the suggestion that it should follow suit and become Pittsburg.—San Francisco Chronicle.

St. Louis is to have a smoke consumer factory. We regret to say that it has the smoke.—St. Louis Republic.

One trouble with Chicago is there are too many persons around entitled to write "ex-convict" before their names.—Chicago Herald.

Great Britain's request for a thousand chauffeurs to serve at the front ought to interest the fraternity in New York, where they are about as fierce as they make them.—New York World.

Flippant Flings.

The acme of optimism—watching the coal man shovel the load into the cellar with a smile on your face.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Edison says that the people of the future will sleep less. He must be going to invent a three sided phonograph record.—Detroit Free Press.

Ambassadors formerly grumbling because they couldn't rent a palace are now fairly content with a comfortable hole in the ground.—Washington Post.

"The United States," says the New York Evening World, "is going to smelt its own tin." It is also going to tin its own smelts and label them sardines.—Springfield Union.

Current Comment.

Happy is the country that can launch a "Do your Christmas shopping early" slogan.—Chicago News.

Another of life's little ironies: Pennsylvania's great gun works are located at Bethlehem.—Columbia State.

More provisions and fewer provisional presidents would probably suit the great mass of Mexicans much better.—Chicago Herald.

America has regained a trade balance. But this is a case where we can't afford to let things slide, even when coming our way.—New York Sun.

Simple Salve.

A teaspoonful of lemon juice in a small cup of black coffee is a safe remedy for bilious headache.

Never enter a sickroom while you are in a perspiration, as the minute you become cool your pores begin to absorb.

To stop hiccup give the patient a teaspoonful of granulated sugar and vinegar. If this does not afford instant relief repeat the dose.

PITH AND POINT.

Sooner or later the highflier must pay up or come down.

If you don't agree with the other fellow you are not neutral.

Now the French call it eau de farina. A scent by any name will smell as sweet.

Kings are pretty safe in going to the front. Nobody wants to run away with their thrones.

With the energy expended in digging trenches the armies could have dug many useful canals.

The fiction of the war will be found quite interesting, even after it is disentangled from the facts.

Hereafter Waterloo will be pointed out as the place where a brisk skirmish occurred during the Napoleonic riots.

Cosmetics have gone up in price. Those foreigners find it impossible to make face and gun powder at the same time.

It looks as if the laurels in the western field of the war would go to the soldiers that live longest in insipid trenches.

For the sake of the peace of all of us it is to be hoped that no wild lead will knock any more vowels out of the Russian language.

The French army surgeon now rallying from ninety-seven shell wounds probably is wondering what became of the other three pieces.

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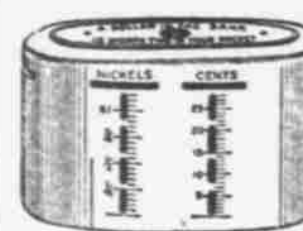
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He touched the harp strings in a way
That great applause would win.

The classics he would sound with zest,
With reason, too, he passed,
He was equipped for an appeal
To every style and taste.

And now when interviewers seek
His presence to commune
He smiles on them, but does not speak,
He simply plays a tune.
—Washington Star.

Grew Up With the Job.

To curiosity John Jones
In childhood stooped,
And all the little girls and boys
Declared he snoped.

In other people's business still
To poke he tried,
And as a youth his comrades all
Announced he pried.

When grown he went in politics,
Becoming great,
And people found he would with skill
Investigate.

He grew until he got inside
A statesman's robes,
A government commission secured,
And now he probes.
—New York Breaker.